Power Grid already exists. Regional Electricity Boards exist in each region for coordinated operation of power system within the respective region. In order to ensure optimum utilisation of available power, the setting up of a National Grid which is in evolutionary process is being vigorously pursued. It envisages strengthening and improvements of Regional Power Grids and their progressive integration through the setting up of inter-state and inter-regional transmission lines which cut across state and regional boundaries.

**Pending Proposals for Power Projects**

1547. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 66 proposals for setting up power projects are pending with Government;

(b) if so, the status of clearance and approval of the above projects;

(c) the details of each of the above 66 projects, giving location and capacity, thereof; and

(d) the proposed schedule of implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (c) Details of the power projects received from the States for accord of techno-economic clearance of the Central Electricity Authority are given in the Annexure [*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No 39.]

(d) The techno-economic clearance of power schemes is dependent upon availability of vorious inputs, certain stotutory and other clearances from other Ministries/agencies and timely submission of requisite replies/clarifications from the project authorities. Hence, it is not feasible to assess as to how long it may take for according techno-economic clearance to these projects. Completion of these projects is dependent upon availability of sufficient financial allocations, timely supply of equipment by manufacturers and proper management by the project authorities. Central Electricity Authority is conducting periodical meetings with the concerned project authorities in various States for timely completion of power projects and for resolution of outstanding issues.

**Energy Deficit in Maharashtra and Gujarat**

1548. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total energy deficit at present in the states of Maharashtra and Gujarat;

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to meet the increasing energy defiicits in these States;

(c) what are the details of the progress made so far under each scheme/project in the hydro-power sector which are under implementation or are likely to be implemented with the assistance of Central/State Governments and of the World Bank in Maharashtra and Gujarat; and

(d) what are the reasons for delay in the implementation of Koyna IV project; what are the details of the progress made so far and by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The details of actual power supply position in Maharashtra and Gujarat during April, 1993—November 1993 are as under:—

*Period April, 1993—November, 1993*

(Figures in MU net)

| | Maharashtra | Gujarat |
|---|---|---|
| Requirement . . | 29315 | 19425 |
| Availability . . | 28109 | 18519 |
| Shortage . . | 1206 | 906 |
| % . . . | 4.1 | 4.7 |